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TO : TALENT Control Officer, CIA

DATE: 21 December 1956  
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FROM : TALENT Security Officer, CIA

SUBJECT: Preparation for Establishing a TALENT Control Center,  
Department of State.

REF : [ ] dated 18 December 1956.

1. Pursuant to the authorization contained in the above reference Mr. Furnas, Department of State, was contacted 18 December 1956.

2. A preliminary survey was conducted by the TSO/CIA at the New State Building on 18 December 1956. Mr. Furnas was given additional briefing and furnished a TALENT Control System manual. It was made quite clear to Mr. Furnas the difference between the operational side of the Project and the TALENT Control System. It was pointed out to him the necessity for designating an appropriate TCO and TSO and that the TCO/CIA would, after formal presentation, favorably entertain approving the TALENT Center and certain positions for the TALENT Control System within the State Complex.

3. Mr. Furnas stated that he had discussed with CIA cleared personnel State's wishes in establishing a Center and that as a result of our conversation he would prepare the usual formal request from State for Mr. Armstrong's signature, which request would be submitted to Mr. Reber, TCO/CIA.

4. With respect to the number of positions that would be submitted, Mr. Furnas was requested to attempt to hold the number to an absolute minimum using a "must know" principle. The Secretary, Under Secretary, Mr. Hoover, D/Under Secretary, Mr. Robert Murphy, Mr. Packard (SO-SI Area), Mr. Polyzoides (C/SI Area), Wm. Marvel (C/USSR Area SI) and L. Rood (D/to C-USSR); Secretaries, Mrs. Curruthers and Mary Moorman. SO/State, Mr. Minor; DD/Security and possibly Mr. Ostepka will handle requests for security evaluations only. The area to be used will be a separate steel Mosler door type safe within State's already approved COMINT Vault.

cc: TCO/DDI  
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STATE review(s) completed.